

DIRECTIVE

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: 2007 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose:

This directive issues the 2007 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on June 4, 2007, and the 2007 poverty guidelines published by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) January 24, 2007.

Scope:

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adults for certain services, defining self-sufficiency, and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult WIA regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Effective Date:

The 2007 LLSIL became effective the date of publication in the Federal Register, June 4, 2007. The 2007 poverty guidelines were effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register, January 24, 2007.

REFERENCES:

- WIA Sections 101(25), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), 134(d)(3)(A)(ii), and Title 20 CFR 663.230 of WIA regulations
- Federal Register, Volume 72, Number 106, WIA; LLSIL (June 4, 2007)
- Federal Register, Volume 72, Number 15, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (January 24, 2007)

STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains one State-imposed requirement, which is in ***bold italic*** print.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIA Directive WIAD06-2, dated July 20, 2006 and finalizes WIA Draft Directive WIADD-144, issued for comment on June 22, 2007. The Workforce Services Division received one comment during the draft comment period; the comment received did not result in any substantive changes to this directive. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND:

The WIA Section 101(24) provides for the use of one of two sets of data to establish whether an individual is a low-income individual. The measure used is the higher choice of either 70 percent of the LLSIL, determined by the Secretary of Labor, or the poverty guidelines, published by HHS. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Metropolitan levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the Department of Labor identifies three MSAs in California that have unique LLSILs: the San Diego MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA, and the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose MSA.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1. Select the appropriate table for use by your LWIA from the five tables on the attachment. ***(In those instances where a LWIA encompasses both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the State has designated the higher of the LLSIL figures for use within the entire LWIA.)***
2. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the poverty guidelines, for the appropriate family size, to determine low-income status. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
3. The LWIBs are required to set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. At a minimum, such criteria must provide that self-sufficiency means employment that pays at least 100 percent of the LLSIL established for a LWIA.

ACTION:

Notify all affected staff of the changes to the LLSIL and poverty guidelines in this directive.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct inquiries about this directive to your assigned [Regional Advisor](#) at (916) 654-7799 or Gus Margarite, Policy Unit Manager, at (916) 654-6552.

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Attachment

2007 70 PERCENT LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) AND POVERTY GUIDELINES

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status and the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. The LWIBs need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adult/dislocated workers for certain services, self-sufficiency, and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult the WIA and its regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and for three specific Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California. In addition, each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. Each table specifies which areas encompass which LWIA. For a family of one, in all tables, the poverty guidelines exceed the 70 percent LLSIL and, therefore, should be used to establish the low-income status. For all other family sizes, the LLSILs exceed the poverty guidelines. The last column in each table shows the amount to be added to the figure for a family of six for each additional family member.

Since the income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual's application for WIA funded services is used for income determination, each chart below shows the six-month, as well as the annual, figures for each family size. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine a family's income.

Effective Dates: LLSIL: June 4, 2007
Poverty Guidelines: January 24, 2007

Table 1—San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area							
LWIAs	San Diego Consortium						
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 10,080	\$ 16,520	\$ 22,680	\$ 27,990	\$ 33,030	\$ 38,630	\$ 5,600
6 Months	\$ 5,040	\$ 8,260	\$ 11,340	\$ 13,995	\$ 16,515	\$ 19,315	\$ 2,800
100%	\$ 14,400	\$ 23,590	\$ 32,390	\$ 39,980	\$ 47,180	\$ 55,180	\$ 8,000
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 10,210	\$ 13,690	\$ 17,170	\$ 20,650	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,610	\$ 3,480
6 Months	\$ 5,105	\$ 6,845	\$ 8,585	\$ 10,325	\$ 12,065	\$ 13,805	\$ 1,740

Table 2—Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Anaheim		Los Angeles County		San Bernardino County		
	Carson/Lomita/Torrance		Orange County		SELACO Consortium		
	Foothill E&T Consortium		Riverside County		South Bay Consortium		
	Long Beach City		Santa Ana City		Ventura County		
	Los Angeles City		San Bernardino City		Verdugo Consortium		
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 9,380	\$ 15,370	\$ 21,110	\$ 26,050	\$ 30,740	\$ 35,950	\$ 5,210
6 Months	\$ 4,690	\$ 7,685	\$ 10,555	\$ 13,025	\$ 15,370	\$ 17,975	\$ 2,605
100%	\$ 13,400	\$ 21,960	\$ 30,150	\$ 37,220	\$ 43,920	\$ 51,370	\$ 7,450
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 10,210	\$ 13,690	\$ 17,170	\$ 20,650	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,610	\$ 3,480
6 Months	\$ 5,105	\$ 6,845	\$ 8,585	\$ 10,325	\$ 12,065	\$ 13,805	\$ 1,740

Table 3—San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Alameda County		Oakland City		Santa Cruz County		
	Contra Costa County		Richmond City		Solano County		
	Marin County		San Francisco City/Co.		Sonoma County		
	Napa County		San Jose/Silicon Valley				
	NOVA Consortium		San Mateo County				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 9,450	\$ 15,490	\$ 21,260	\$ 26,240	\$ 30,970	\$ 36,220	\$ 5,250
6 Months	\$ 4,725	\$ 7,745	\$ 10,630	\$ 13,120	\$ 15,485	\$ 18,110	\$ 2,625
100%	\$ 13,500	\$ 22,120	\$ 30,360	\$ 37,480	\$ 44,230	\$ 51,730	\$ 7,500
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 10,210	\$ 13,690	\$ 17,170	\$ 20,650	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,610	\$ 3,480
6 Months	\$ 5,105	\$ 6,845	\$ 8,585	\$ 10,325	\$ 12,065	\$ 13,805	\$ 1,740

Table 4— Metropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Fresno County		Monterey County		Stanislaus County		
	Golden Sierra Consortium		NoRTEC Consortium		Tulare County		
	Imperial County		North Central Consortium		Yolo County		
	Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium		Sacramento City/Co.				
	Kings County		San Joaquin County				
	Madera County		San Luis Obispo County				
	Merced County		Santa Barbara County				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,880	\$ 14,550	\$ 19,980	\$ 24,660	\$ 29,100	\$ 34,040	\$ 4,940
6 Months	\$ 4,440	\$ 7,275	\$ 9,990	\$ 12,330	\$ 14,550	\$ 17,020	\$ 2,470
100%	\$ 12,680	\$ 20,780	\$ 28,530	\$ 35,220	\$ 41,560	\$ 48,610	\$ 7,050
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 10,210	\$ 13,690	\$ 17,170	\$ 20,650	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,610	\$ 3,480
6 Months	\$ 5,105	\$ 6,845	\$ 8,585	\$ 10,325	\$ 12,065	\$ 13,805	\$ 1,740

Table 5—Nonmetropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Humboldt County Mendocino County		Mother Lode Consortium San Benito County				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,590	\$ 14,080	\$ 19,330	\$ 23,860	\$ 28,160	\$ 32,930	\$ 4,770
6 Months	\$ 4,280	\$ 7,040	\$ 9,665	\$ 11,930	\$ 14,080	\$ 16,465	\$ 2,385
100%	\$ 12,270	\$ 20,110	\$ 27,610	\$ 34,080	\$ 40,220	\$ 47,400	\$ 6,820
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 10,210	\$ 13,690	\$ 17,170	\$ 20,650	\$ 24,130	\$ 27,610	\$ 3,480
6 Months	\$ 5,105	\$ 6,845	\$ 8,585	\$ 10,325	\$ 12,065	\$ 13,805	\$ 1,740